

**Location: Rockport Town Hall, Meeting Room A**

**Present:** Larry Neal/Chairman, Rob Claypool, Alan MacMillan, MaryAnn Lash, Mel Michaels/Associate Member, Andrea Nichols/ Secretary, Geralyn Falco/Conservation Agent. The Rockport Conservation Commission (RCC) is a five member volunteer board. Four voting members are present.

**Absent:** David McKinnon

**Citizen Inquiries:**

*Steve Hart, 41 Prospect Street* – asks if RCC is concerned about him putting gravel extension to driveway from detached garage (>100' to BVW) on his property. RCC asks for sketch and request in writing; asks how far from BVW driveway will be (>50'). Mr. Harts submits letter. Chairman Neal moves to allow driveway as proposed; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 4:0.

**Enforcement Letter, Peter Morley, 9 Marshall Street (Map 18/Lot 13).** *Clearing trees from property within 100' of intermittent stream.* Agent Falco tells what she saw at site; most of trees removed and pile of cut wood. Mr. Morley is present and explains his actions; he removed trees to access house to do repairs; stream as close as 40' to property line and he did not know of need to contact RCC regarding stream; has submitted Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) for landscaping yard. RCC asks if anyone was notified before tree removal; wants to see plan; asks how many trees were removed (how big); asks about work on house. RCC to discuss at next meeting during public hearing for RDA.

**Minutes.**

**08/19/15:** Mr. MacMillan moves to approve minutes as amended; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 4:0.

**New Hearings**

**NOI 62-0715, Pigeon Cove Fisherman's Co-op, Pigeon Cove Wharf (Map 16/Lot 26).**

*Construct additions & landscape yard within 100' of coastal bank.* Greg Cefalo is present for Fisherman's Co-op and makes presentation; two (2) buildings involved; Building #1 is larger; Building #2 currently holds lobster tank; project is to renovate Building #1 (making structurally sound, modifying floor and constructing concrete lobster holding tank within); once done, Building #2 to be demolished and removed from wharf. Agent Falco explains that existing floor receives stormwater from the harbor and this is resource area. RCC asks: are there to be drains? (Yes, drains exist in Building #1 and will be used; applicant has gone to great lengths to improve building drainage); does operation circulate harbor water? (*Mr. Tutein, Fisherman's Co-op* - explains how cold winter harbor water is circulated through tank, but summer's warmer harbor water needs to be cooled with refrigeration; no chemicals are used in water); what will area where Building #2 be used for? (Area to be used for loading/unloading equipment); will there be a crane installed there? (No standing crane proposed); how will you demolish/remove Building #2? (Demo with standard construction procedures). *Larry Stepenuck, Fisherman's Co-op member* - relates positive impacts of project; Building #2 is more susceptible to storm damage and in poor condition; Building #1 gets less storm damage; this project lessens damage to area. Mr. MacMillan moves to close hearing; Mr. Claypool seconds. Vote: 4:0. **Hearing is closed. The**

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### **Continued Hearings**

**NOI 62-0714, Charles Schaub, 4 Cathedral Avenue (Map 15/Lot 32).** *Construct additions & landscape yard within 100' of coastal bank.* Mr. Schaub and Tim Ford are present; Mr. Ford presents new plan to remove invasives near house; also discusses Construction Sequence. Planting Plan is draft (no specific plants yet); applicant wants to start planting in fall (Rosa rugose and plants along Cathedral Avenue); applicant has hired landscaper who maintains Atlantic Path for ROW Committee. RCC thanks applicant for details; asks about adding topsoil so as not to change grade in area. Mr. MacMillan moves to close hearing; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 4:0.

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### **Other Business**

- **Granite Pier Breakwater extension** - RCC discusses proposed expansion; RCC is concerned about impacts to eel grass bed in cove; this issue is not covered in current study and could affect number of new moorings allowed in cove.
- **Woodland Acres – update.** Essex County Greenbelt agrees to make presentation on Open Space at a date to be determined; still negotiating with owner. RCC discusses its part in presentation; suggests notifying media and including MA Audubon to present.
- **New Business/Announcements** - Chairman Neal moves to add discussion of land along Carlson's Quarry and new filing system to agenda; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Unanimous affirmative roll call: Mr. MacMillan, Mr. Claypool, Mrs. Lash, Chairman Neal.
  - **Land along Flat Ledge Quarry** – Properties are at Map 10/Lots 30 & 30D (owned by Paul Bryant family); DPW wants control of land for drinking water protection. 3 Mr. Michaels discusses money aspect of purchase; says two parcels are assessed at \$47,500; RCC holds funds for Watershed Protection which started at \$30K in 2010 and is down to \$25.2K now; suggests that CPC contribute \$25K (needs Town Meeting approval). RCC concerned about neighbors wanting to purchase property; Linda Saunders to negotiate with owner. Mr. Michaels asks RCC to give \$25.2K for purchase of this property. Mr. MacMillan moves to designate \$25,200 from Watershed Protection Fund for purchase of Map 10/Lots 30 & 30D; Chairman Neal seconds. Vote: 4:0.
  - **New filing system** - Mr. Claypool suggests RCC require double fees for “after-the-fact” filing. Agent Falco says By-law already requires this; admits that she has not been instituting it; will start doing so.

**Mr. Claypool moves to adjourn meeting; Chairman Neal seconds. Vote 4:0.**

**9:00 PM**

*RCC ► Meeting adjourns 9:00 PM ◄ RCC*